



**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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Michael Moseley, Director

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MEMORANDUM

To: LME Directors

From: Mike Moseley 

Re: Request for Applications for Homeless Mental Health Housing Initiative

Enclosed is a Request for Applications for pilot projects designed to increase access to housing for homeless people who are in need of both housing and mental health services. This is a joint project related to the NC Department of Health and Human Services' Homeless Policy Initiatives and to the Division's services that are provided to homeless people with mental illness. We believe that this project will be of great benefit to homeless people with both housing and mental health service needs. This is to be accomplished by bringing together the housing expertise of Housing Support Teams with providers of services such as Assertive Community Treatment Teams, Community Support Teams, and Community Support. This linkage and coordination of housing and mental health services has been shown to be an effective way of addressing the needs of homeless people who have mental illness.

The purpose of this initiative is to fund a Housing Support Team (HST) in three pilot communities. These teams will provide housing support coordination services to targeted homeless individuals and families. Additional goals of this initiative include increasing organizational housing support coordination capacity and knowledge and documenting the cost benefit of housing support coordination services to public systems.

Although the LME must be the applicant, services delivered are to be provided by contracted agencies, as opposed to directly being provided by the LME. This funding cannot be used for any LME space, staff travel, training or supplant existing funds. The contracted agencies or subcontractors may include providers of the MH/DD/SAS services but not the LME.

Applications are to be submitted to the Division and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of both DHHS staff and Division staff. All LMEs that apply will be notified no later than April 4, 2007.

Enclosures

cc: Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom
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